

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and apparatus for providing patient-controlled medication delivery is presented. The apparatus includes a medication storage subsystem, an interval timer, a patient verification system coupled to the medication storage subsystem, and a delivery subsystem
5 which delivers one of the prescribed amounts of medication if the interval timer has reached an end of a predetermined time interval and the patient verification system verifies an identity of the patient. The method for providing patient-controlled medication delivery includes verifying an identification of an intended patient and providing a first prescribed amount of a medication for the intended patient, wherein the intended patient determines a time to start taking the prescribed
10 amount of the medication. The method further includes waiting a predetermined time interval, again verifying the identification of the intended patient and providing another prescribed amount of the medication for the intended patient.